

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7 line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

At one circumferential location, the surface 12 of the drum is provided with an axially-extending recessed area 18 in the form of a slot with a length “w” and a width “x” corresponding approximately to the same dimensions of a print bar 124. The recessed area has a depth “t”. The recessed area 18 is arranged to serve as a spittoon to receive ink discharged from the printheads 121 to 126 outside normal printing operations. Beneath the area 18 there is provided an electrical heater 41, Fig. 3, which serves to dry ink collected by the spittoon. As more ink is spit and dried, a solid residue accumulates in area 18, ~~area 40~~.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 9 line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above-described arrangement has several advantages. In particular the employment of the heater 41 causes the ink to quickly adhere to the surface of the spittoon area 18, ~~area 40~~, thus preventing the ink drum being expelled from the spittoon by centrifugal force. The heater quickly reduces the ink waste product to residues having a minimal volume. These residues, which result from solids originally dissolved or suspended in the ink, can be collected in container 51 at times which do not interfere with normal printing operations and which do not require movement of the print bars out of their printing position. In addition, the arrangement is compact.